

**What God Hath Joined Together, Let Not Man Put Asunder**

(Mk 10:1-12)

**Proposition:** In our text, Jesus, the Son of God, our Saviour taught us concerning marriage and divorce. Notice 3 truths about marriage from our text

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What Therefore God hath joined together... Mk 10:1-12

I was at a Brown family reunion where I met a distant relative which had scanned a lot of pictures and artifacts from my great great great Grandfather

Brown's life into a computer. I gave him my e-mail address and asked him to forward them to me. Sure enough in a few days the pictures were in my inbox. They were wonderful. One particular image was of the marriage licence for my G-G-G Grand mother & Grand father Brown dated Aug 13 1863. On the certificate was written

in clear writing Mark 10:9. Needless to say this does not appear on the marriage licences of today. The first and foremost of God's institutions has been minimized manipulated and degraded to such an extent that our headlines are filled with people trying to simply define it. But as the church of the living God we do not have to look very far to find the clear concrete defining of marriage. Divorce is a scourge on our nation and has become the foothold for the onslaught of depraved armies who

I. Marriage is Minimized by Society

Divorce was a hot button issue in Jesus day as well as ours. John Baptist lost his head for preaching against Herod's adultery



These phrases were attempting to trip and discredit

A. The Loopholes of Society - Their question was concerning a legal loophole in the law that permitted divorce in the Jewish nation. <sup>2</sup> De 24:1 There were two schools of thought; Rabbi Shammai said "uncleanness" was that divorce was only granted if the woman was found to have had pre marital sex. Rabbi Hillel said it was a femicide for any reason for marital unfaithfulness to raising of voice, to burning dinner. These phrases and people scoured law to look for self satisfying loopholes for divorce instead of upholding what <sup>3</sup>

B. The Lusts of Society - Rabbi Hillel's interpretation needless to say was the more popular of the two. The placement of this law in Deut 24:1 was to protect women. If men were allowed to be ruled by depraved lusts, he would beat the wife out at the first glance of the faintest model to come down the line. W/O a bill of divorce she would not be allowed to remarry and enter society and would be shrouded by suspicion. But the bill of divorce not published to let what a skallywagg he was before who

II. Marriage is Magnified by the Scripture

Jesus does not wade into this controversy but goes back to the original intent of man "But from the Beginning..." It doesn't matter how low the Sadducee or the Pharisee

1) ...armies who's attempt is to destroy the very fabric of society, marriage and the home. My duty as a pastor is to raise up the standard of God's word. To warn our children and our children's children of the emotional, familial, societal, and spiritual destruct that lies at the gate of divorce. In our text, Jesus, the Son of God, our Saviour taught us concerning marriage and divorce. Notice 3 truths about marriage from our text

2) Deuteronomy 24:1 When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

3) ...upholding what God had established. More concerned with self than God. Isn't that our society and much of the church today. More concerned with personal pleasure instead of God's commands!

4) ...before the whole community. But just like today the disgrace of divorce has worn off and now, homes are devastated by wicked lusts on every hand.

1) When you stand in the court of divorce you are stating before  
God and everybody that you have a heart of stone!

2) Matthew 5:32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put  
away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to  
commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is  
divorced committeth adultery. Matthew 19:9 And I say unto  
you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for  
fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and  
whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.



cries foul about the state of <sup>matters is what God intended</sup> marriage today. What?

### A. Scripture Points to the Problem

This bill of Divorcement business was not so from the beginning. Jesus with precision accuracy points directly to the heart of the problem. Hardness of Heart! Believe you me God will guide you what you want. The destruction of marriages children homes society is because of man's sinful hard heart. When you stand

### B. Scripture Points to the Premise - 15, 9

Jesus gives us the pristine premise of marriage as God created it. One man one woman never to be torn apart. Do you realize that just as God joined the parts of Adam's body together, so he joined Eve to Adam. 1572 to 1 flesh. When you request a divorce it is in effect saying hey chop may am off. Oh the

### C. Scripture Points to the Practice

The man leave the relationship with mother and father and begin their life together. Marriage is a physical union. The two are flesh. They are to know one another no one else is to know them. This physical union is only broken by physical means death for man

### III. Marriage is Minded by the Saint

Jesus continued to teach his disciples in private. He teaches them the seriousness of the subject. Children, teenagers adult

this is serious business, Life destroying business

### A. Mindful of the Sorrow of Parting Marriage

This phrase "to put away" is actually one word which is made to two members. The first part is the word "off" the second is to "break". To break off. How descriptive a word to describe divorce. There are those in this room who have been divorced. I know that you would not wish the load of guilt or sorrow for such a sin to be placed on your worst enemy. Sorrow a pain that is placed on your life, life of children & generations to come. What pain there is in parting.

### B. Mindful of the Sin of Parting Marriage

Jesus said it. I didn't. The only grounds for divorce in the scripture is abandonment in (1 Cor. 7:15) and fornication in Matt 5:32, 19:9.

The context indicates that the Husband or wife put away their mate to follow after their lustful sinful desires.

The end result is not an intended new start at life but an adulterous relationship. In a message along these lines my pastor said. "I have had people say to me that was in a bad marriage."

### IV. Closing. What God hath

Joint together let not man put asunder. Children. Keep yourselves pure. Don't give your heart away to every simple faced boy that looks at you. Many like minded believers.



- 1) ...a bad marriage, "I don't believe the Lord wants me to be unhappy." I agree for I don't believe the Lord wants you to be unhappy. The Beatitudes reveal that God wants us to be happy. However it is only when we are obedient to His commands that we will be happy. In a bad marriage, just because one is unhappy, is not a lawful reason for divorce. The focus should be on making your marriage a happy marriage, rather than ending the marriage.